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COAL TAR AND HYDROCARBON
MIXTURE PITCH PRODUCTION USING
A HIGH EFFICIENCY EVAPORATIVE
DISTILLATION PROCESS

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In response to the Office Action of March 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 26 of this paper.

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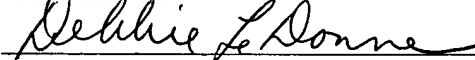
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Enclosed are the following for filing in connection with the above-referenced application:

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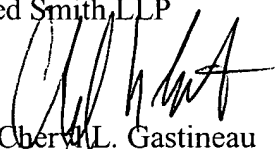
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